

Amendments to the Specification:

At page 3, lines 4-9 please delete the text and replace with the following:

Fig. 1 shows a motor-fan unit generally indicated by the numeral 10 and which generally includes a motor assembly 15 and a fan assembly 25. The motor assembly 15 includes an electric motor 16 with an armature or windings 17 which are carried by a lamination stack 19, a commutator 18, and brushes (not shown) which provide a connection from the power source to the commutator 18 and the windings 17. A shaft 20 is supported on suitable bearings such that it is freely rotatable and is connected to the commutator 18 so as to rotate therewith.

At page 4, line 16 to page 5, line 9 please delete the text and replace with the following:

The motor-fan unit 10 herein further benefits from the provision of noise suppression sleeve 200, which is at least partially, and preferably completely, disposed around at least a portion of said motor assembly 15, as shown in Fig. 1. This sleeve 200 is made from V-O rated foam, preferably melamine foam. The sleeve 200 surrounds a majority of the motor 16 and absorbs and muffles noise generated by motor assembly 15 and fan assembly 25. Indeed, it is believed that the cellular construction assists in diffusing the noise frequencies generated by the fan assembly and further that the foam deflects the noise frequencies in a labyrinth manner so that by the time the air flow exits the motor assembly, the associated noise frequencies are significantly reduced. The sleeve 200 attaches to the fan assembly 25 at a shroud end 204 of the sleeve 200, and a sleeve cover 202 may cap the noise suppression sleeve 200 at distal end 206, opposite shroud end 204. Sleeve cover 202 may include a cover hole 208, and, in the embodiment shown, a portion of the motor assembly may extend through the cover hole 208. As seen in Fig. 1, the cover 202, at hole 208, contacts the lamination stack 19. If desired, the sleeve may be sized longer than the extending length of the motor assembly as shown by the sleeve 200'. The sleeve may be attached by fasteners, clips, adhesives, a

friction fit or any way in which the sleeve can be held in close proximity to the unit 10. Distal end 206 may curve inwardly to form a sleeve opening 210, foregoing the use of a specific cover element like cover 202. It will be further appreciated that use of the cover 202 is optional. The V-0 rating ensures that the foam F will not be damaged by the heat generated by the operation of motor 16. Preferably, the sleeve 200 is sized with a diameter that is not greater than the outer diameter of the shroud 30, as shown, and, it is also preferred that the sleeve cover 202 or sleeve opening 210 be in close proximity or touching contact with the motor assembly 15. And it has been found that due to the use of a V-0 rated foam that placing the foam in touching contact or in very close proximity to the motor assembly, as evidenced by the sleeve 200' contacting the windings 17 and the lamination stack 19, provides the best noise reduction properties while still maintaining the unit's operating efficiency.